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## U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION INVESTIGATING NATIONAL EGG RECALL

INDIANAPOLIS---Wright County Egg of Galt, Iowa is voluntarily recalling specific Julian dates of shell eggs produced by their farms because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. At this time, state health officials say there are no reports of any human cases in Indiana of *Salmonella* Enteritidis associated with the current egg recall by Wright County Egg of Galt, IA.

The Indiana State Department of Health is working closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in its investigation of potential incidence of *Salmonella* Enteritidis. To date, there is no specific information of recalled shell eggs being identified in Indiana. However, state health officials urge Hoosiers to check any shell eggs at home to verify they are not part of the recall. Consumers with questions about the recall can visit <a href="www.eggsafety.org">www.eggsafety.org</a> or call the Wright County's toll-free information number at 1-866-272-5582.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Symptoms usually begin 12 to 36 hours after exposure and last 4 to 7 days. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections, endocarditis or arthritis. Individuals who believe they may have Salmonella should consult their health care provider.

Eggs affected by this recall were distributed to food wholesalers, distribution centers and foodservice companies in California, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. These companies distribute nationwide.

"We are closely monitoring this expanding recall and will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available," said Deputy State Health Commissioner Loren Robertson.

For more information on eggs and salmonella, visit the State Health Department Website at: <a href="https://www.statehealth.in.gov">www.statehealth.in.gov</a>.

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